

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph, page 8, lines 16-23 with the following:

The preferred embodiment includes a clamshell design for the box carrier. In this embodiment, the hinged connectors **6** are disposed at a side ~~rear~~ end of the box so that the front end of the lid portion is raised when the box is in an open position. The access aperture is located at the front end of the box. The access aperture is preferably formed by recesses in the front edges or front lip portions of one or both of the lid and base portions of the box. These recesses are preferably continuous along substantially the entire front edges or front lip portions of the one or both of the lid and base portions of the box, thus forming a single, generally rectangularly-shaped, access aperture when the box is in the closed position.